

## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

## I. Status of the Claims

Claims 1-5 have been previously cancelled.

Claim 10 has been added.

Claims 6-10 are pending.

New claim 10 does not add new matter.

## II. Acknowledgment of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 7. Applicants have drafted new independent claim 10 to include all subject matter claimed by claim 7, including the base and intervening claims. Accordingly, claim 10 is in condition for allowance.

### III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 6, 8, and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 02-111372 to Fikushima et al. (hereinafter “Fikushima”) in view of “Applicant’s own admissions” and in further view of U.S. Patent No. 4,658,739 (“the ‘739 patent”) issued to Watkins and U.S. Patent No. 4, 841,886 (“the ‘886 patent”) issued to Watkins.

Applicants respectfully submit that Fikushima does not teach or suggest, alone or in combination with either Applicants' own admissions, or the '886 or '739 patents, all of the elements of claims 6 and 9. The Examiner correctly notes that Fikushima does not teach the required feature of the present invention that "each of said warps/wefts [is]





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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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